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I think that Microsoft should not be punished for the Windows product. The Apple computer only has 1 OS allowed on it and that is a monopoly for Apple Computers in that respect. If I wanted Linux, BeOs or Unix I would have it. None of these OS's offer what I need or want. I do not run a network system at home only a desk top system. I am not looking to be a hacker or such that I need these systems. If I wanted them I would use them. These are the company's that are pressuring everyone to do something about Microsoft. If they want to be on my desk top maybe they should offer something I want. But they do not. If I wanted to use Netscape as my browser I could. At one time I used Netscape as my only browser then I started to use both of them depending on what web site I was going to use. I stopped using Netscape because they did not keep up with IE in innovation and offering what I wanted. If they came up with a new browser I would use it. It is all about what have you done for me lately and they have done nothing. I think AOL is trying to become a monopoly in its own way. They bought Netscape but still offer IE and the browser that is AOL's is terrible. If you have AOL you have to use all of what they want. I do not see any other internet provider doing that. I have used at least 6 different Internet providers for the time I have been on the net but the only one I have not tried and used is AOL and I would not ever. It is like be a mindless slave. They only thing that should be required of Microsoft is that they allow computer manufacturers to set-up Windows how they want but if they do then that manufacture has to have help support or pay for the support from Microsoft for their systems if they change the set-up. They should also be allowed to add other company's stuff to Window's. But the consumer has to be thought about here. If I buy someone's computer instead of building my own I should not have to be forced to have what that company says should be on it just because they have signed a marketing contract with them. If they are going to offer only AOL for me to sign on to the internet with then that is wrong is does not allow me freedom of choice. I think all computers should have the same windows on them then a extra disc is used and the consumer gets to pick what they want after that. All providers could put their stuff on this disc and then the consumer can choose what they want to install and it should work without a problem.

Why should Microsoft be punished for something that everyone wants. For the people who bash Microsoft it goes to the same thing as TV and Radio, If you don't like the channel change it nobody is making you listen to them. It is all about freedom and this is now being walked on since other company's do not have something I want.

Thank You,
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